

TO: Mid Canterbury Tennis Members
FROM: Adam Gardner
FOR: Mid Canterbury Tennis 2018 AGM
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RE: Report on the 2017/18 year

It has been a busy year of tennis in the Canterbury region with a mixture of regular competition and tournament fixtures and new initiatives to promote the game.

A number of Country teams competed in the metro interclub in Christchurch providing a broader range of social interaction and competition for all players involved.

The Tennis Hot Shots in Schools Programme was delivered in various parts of the Mid Canterbury area in 2017 and this is a wonderful opportunity to provide many primary and intermediate aged school children with a tennis experience.

Juniors from the Mid Canterbury Sub Association participated in a range of competitive opportunities in Christchurch, including junior interclub (Challenger), Wilding Challenge (Country Team), and junior tournaments.

In early December 2017 a tie of premier tennis was held at the Ashburton Trust Tennis Centre. This was a fantastic afternoon of the highest level tennis in our region. We are grateful for the organising and generous hosting that Mid Canterbury provided for this event.

Love Tennis was held in Christchurch in September 2017 for the first time. This initiative, created by Tennis Central in 2016, provided a platform for the promotion of tennis to the wider community as well as to existing participants. The benefit of many clubs getting on board with Love Tennis and the event being held over one weekend provided the ability to make a strong and collective impact. 19 clubs, 309 volunteers, 62 new members and 221 visitors were involved. It should be noted that not all clubs provided a report post-event, so these numbers were likely to be even higher. I would like to congratulate Barbi Larkins for her commitment to plan, deliver and review this project.

On 8th & 9th September, Love Tennis will be held again and this year Mid Canterbury will be involved with the Ashburton Trust Tennis Centre hosting the event. We look forward to collectively promoting tennis during Love Tennis.

Nelson Bays Tennis Association held 'Rally Against Breast Cancer' in October 2017 and it was very well received. Cardio Tennis was a key vehicle for running the event. This year's event will be held on 28th October. Congratulations to Nelson Bays Tennis Association for making this happen!

The Canterbury Open was held in November 2017 with high level tennis being played and we look forward to developing the event this year when the tournament will be held on 23rd-25th November. The South Island Teams Event was held in April 2018. The event was well received, and it is apparent that there is a lot of potential to create even more of an event out of this fixture.

ClubSpark, the new management system for tennis in New Zealand, is nearing the end of its pilot. Some clubs are already utilising some modules of ClubSpark. Tennis Canterbury hope to hold a forum for clubs, Sub Associations and Associations in the near future to develop awareness of ClubSpark as various modules go live for the wider community to use.

We are entering a new chapter of tennis and it is exciting. Tennis New Zealand are facilitating reviews on the affiliation model, and the roles and responsibilities within tennis, and soon they will commence a

review of the structure of tennis in New Zealand. The outcomes of these reviews will help shape the sport in the future.

We are monitoring Tennis Canterbury's new affiliation model, which started in the 2017/18 year, as well as the Tennis NZ Affiliation Review.

Tennis New Zealand continue to provide wonderful support with the National Participation Programmes Tennis Hot Shots, Cardio Tennis, and Tennis Xpress, with Performance tennis, and with systems management.

There is a growing trend of people wanting to participate in the tennis in different ways – casually, pay to play. The exciting challenge is for clubs, Sub Associations and Associations to embrace this growing method of participation whilst still supporting traditional methods of participating in the sport. Tennis Canterbury is committed to helping those involved with delivering and administering the sport to manage and embrace this changing landscape.

Membership and participation numbers are still be finalised for the 2017/18 season, however, it is likely that numbers will be relatively similar to the previous year, perhaps with some increase in casual participation.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank Katherine, Andre, Neil, Peter, the Mid Canterbury Tennis Board for their commitment to growing and developing tennis, and for their support of Tennis Canterbury.

I would also like to thank our Tennis Canterbury staff, the Tennis Canterbury Region Inc. Board and the Wilding Park Foundation Board, all clubs, Sub Associations and Associations for their commitment to grow the game and their support to our community.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone in Mid Canterbury and our wider region who has played a part in promoting and growing tennis. The time, energy and commitment shown by these people plays a huge part in developing the sport for the future.

Yours faithfully,



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